



# The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

[www.planophotographyclub.com](http://www.planophotographyclub.com)



## New Day and Location for Meetings!!!

The February meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month at West Plano Presbyterian Church, 2709 Custer Road, between Park and Parker, in Plano. The club executive board will evaluate the location following the meeting to determine if this change will become permanent.

### Best in Show: ~ *Taking A Hike*- By Sharlott Hasty

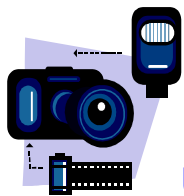
It was a beautiful day in September 2014 in Yellowstone National Park. We had only a short time at the Grand Prismatic Spring. Our target was White Dome Geyser and the Milky Way after dark. It was 6:00 PM, and the boardwalk was full of people. Since I was the one carrying a tripod, several people had stopped and asked me to use their cell phones to take a picture of them. I thought, "this is taking my time and the sun is in the wrong spot." As I was preparing to quickly move on, I saw the silhouette of the walkers on the intersecting boardwalk with the steam rising around them. Perfect timing.

The image was taken with a D7100 100mm at 1/125 sec, f18, ISO 400. I converted the image to black and white and used basic editing in Lightroom 5, finishing up in Photoshop CC 2104.

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## Upcoming Club Activities

**March 6-8 – North Texas Irish Festival**

**March 28-29 – Caddo Lake.** See below for details.

**April 11 – Car Show** in the parking lot of Heights Baptist Church, Richardson

**April – Photoshop Training Part 1** taught by Bud Barlow

**April – Dallas Zoo Scavenger Hunt**

**April – Photoshop Training Part 2** taught by Bud Barlow

**May – People Photography Shoot** at either Farmer's Branch Historical Park or Plano's Homestead Park

**June – Thoroughbred Racing** at Lonestar Park

**June – End-of-Year Club Party**

**July – RoughRiders Baseball Game** at Dr Pepper Stadium in Frisco

**August – Tabletop Photography Workshop**

**September 18-20 – Plano Balloon Festival**

**October – Polo** at Prestonwood Polo Club

**November – Hagerman Wildlife Refuge**

**December – Holiday Party**

Other activities which may be planned through this year include:

- Dallas Skyline and Hunt Bridge at night
- Rugby (Dallas Harlequins) - new season has already started and ends June
- CTC Auto Ranch (vintage automobile salvage yard, just north of Denton)
- Fossil Rim/Glen Rose - optional overnight (late November or early December)
- DFW Auto Show- March 25-29 at Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center (formerly, the Dallas Convention Center)
- Wurstfest in New Braunfels (overnight trip in November)
- Austin & McKinney Falls State Park
- John Bunker Sands Wetland - open to visitors 1st and 3rd Saturdays or by appointment- near Dallas
- Frontier Flight Museum (Love Field)/Cavanaugh Flight Museum (Addison)
- Astrophotography with Mike Mezeul
- Waxahachie Gingerbread Trail Festival

## PPC Winners in the Gulf States Camera Club Council Competitions!

Congratulations to:

Irwin Lightstone for the 1st Honorable Mention win awarded for his image "Metaphor" in the October Pictorial Projected competition.

Larry Petterborg, whose image "Great Egret" won 2nd Honorable Mention in the November Nature Projected competition.

Don Champlin, whose image "Cool Jalapeno" won First Place in the January Pictorial Projected competition.

Aaron Leshner, for winning 2nd Honorable Mention in the January PJ Projected competition for "Wakeboarding 101".

Nice work, to all of you!



## Guest Speaker – Coastal Grizzlies of Katmai National Park –Tom Savage

Tom has been involved with photography in one form or another since 7th grade when his uncle gave him a cheap Japanese copy of a Rolleiflex camera, and he spent the next summer at a friend's ranch in southern California photographing movie companies filming western TV series like Wild Bill Hickok, the Cisco Kid, and Annie Oakley.

However, he didn't really get serious with photography as a hobby until 1983 when he joined the Lockheed Martin (then General Dynamics) Recreation Association Camera Club. He is also a member of the Fort Worth Camera Club and the Photographic Society of America (PSA).

With his favorite photography subjects being nature and photojournalism, he has won 24 Best of Show medals and 84 other medals since 2004 in 11 different countries. He has had three images published in Cowboys & Indians Magazine. In 2006, one of his images was "Most Honored" in Nature's Best Photography Magazine and displayed in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. during most of 2007. In that same year, he won the Grand Prize in Robin Pope Safari's photography contest and was awarded a free safari in Zambia. In 2008, one of his images was the PSA's Nature Image of the Year. In 2009 he placed 2nd in PSA's Photojournalism Projected Images in North America Who's Who listing.

Presently he keeps busy with four volunteer jobs: the PSA Exhibition Standards Committee Chairman; the PSA Exhibition Standards Director for Nature; the Chairman for the PSA Nature Division; and the Gulf States Camera Club Council's Vice President for Competitions. In August of 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2013, Tom joined a small group of photographers and nature lovers on the coast of Katmai National Park to see and photograph grizzly bears. They employed retired tug boats owned and operated by Katmai Coastal Bear Tours. Each day they went ashore in a small skiff to photograph the resident bears, spending most of the time in Hallo Bay, as well as several other bays.

Bears of all ages from spring cubs (born the previous spring in hibernation) to old, scared males were abundant on the coast. One day, 19 bears were in sight. Tom photographed cubs playing with each other and with their mothers, cubs nursing, bears of all ages fishing for salmon, bears grazing in the sedges, and several bear "disagreements" over fish. One year, he was able to photograph a spring cub defending a fish from a fox. In 2013, a sow with a spring cub lay down and nursed her cub within 8 feet of his group.

The most exciting photography was of bears chasing salmon in the shallow water of the rivers where they emptied into the bay. Some bears didn't chase salmon, but just stayed in one spot and caught them as they swam near. Since female bears stay in the area where they were born, most of the sows in Hallo Bay are related to each other, and consequently, tolerate each other around their cubs, and even let the cubs play together. However, no male is allowed close to the cubs, since some males kill cubs. Several times he was able to capture images of females chasing males away from cubs.

In addition to bears, Tom photographed eagles, gulls, ravens, puffins, wading birds, and foxes, as well as the beautiful scenery of the Katmai Coast.

## Caddo Lake Trip March 28-29

The PPC is planning an over-night activity to the delightful Caddo Lake on March 28th and March 29th. Individuals may spend the night Saturday evening at local hotels. Please e-mail the activity committee at [activity@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:activity@planophotographyclub.com) if you are interested. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting also. There is a maximum of 27 people able to attend, so we will take names in order as they come to us.

The trip will include boat rides on pontoon and motor boats at dusk on March 28th and dawn on March 29th with the company, Johnson Ranch ([johnsonranch.net](http://johnsonranch.net)) in Uncertain, Texas. Price is \$50 on the evening of March 28th and/or \$50 on the morning of March 29th per person for the boat ride (plus possible tax). A little extra money will be needed for a tip for the guide. Accommodations will be obtained by attendees on their own. We will be getting together for lunch on Saturday for a get-together too.





## November's Winning Images – Negative Space

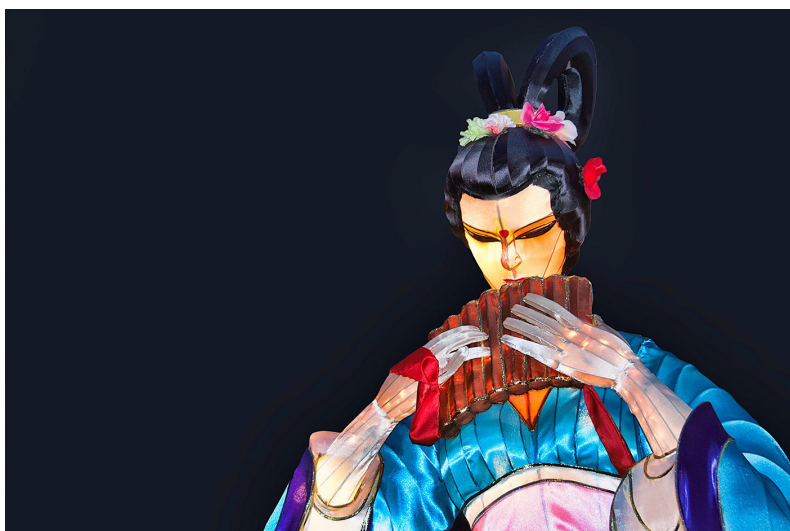
Masters				Advanced			
Sharlott Hasty	Taking a Hike	15	1st, BoS	Carol Barlow	Waiting for sunset	15	1st
Jen Carrick	LA Afternoon	15	2nd	Don Champlin	Blossoming	14	2nd
Marea Downey	Ebb Tide	14	3rd	Sam Wilson	Goblet, or Prelude to a Kiss	14	3rd
Danette Volkmer	Sunset Silhouette	13	HM	Bud Mallar	Big World Out There	13	HM
Dennis Fritsche	Texas Star	13	HM				
Intermediate				Beginners			
Oscar Roldan	Roman Ruins	15	1st	Aaron Leshner	Extreme BMX	15	1st
Ming Yang	Egret	15	2nd	Leslie Johnston	When?	15	2nd
James Walsh	Floating Rocks?	14	3rd	Mary Jean Blevins	Chinese Woman of Lantern Festival	14	3rd
James Edward	Siblings	13	HM	Nancy Mack	pas de deux	13	HM



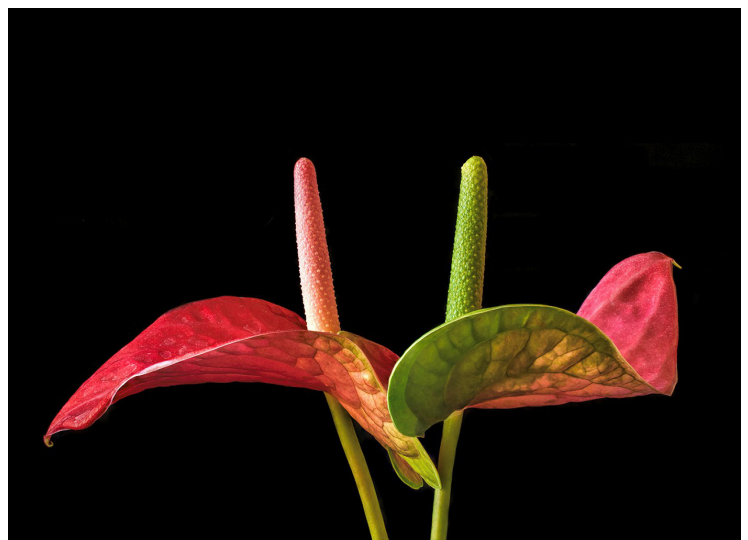
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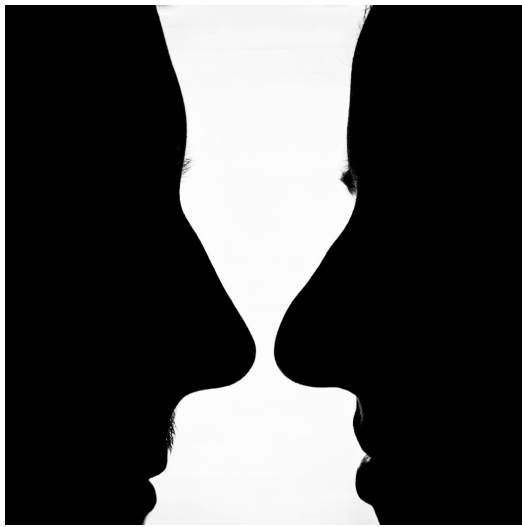
**Carol Barlow**



**Don Champlin**







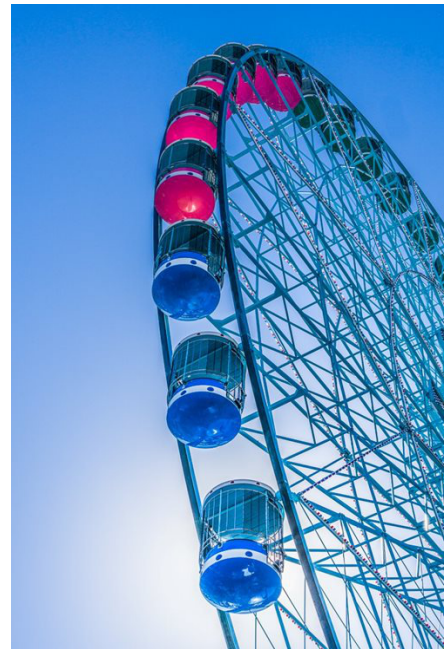
**Sam Wilson**



**Bud Mallar**



**Jen Carrick**



**Dennis Fritsche**



**Danette Volkmer**



**Marea Downey**



## Competition Topic

February	Open	June	Open	September	Softness	December	No Competition
March	Vintage (Print)	July	Surprise Topic (TBD)	October	Open	January (2016)	Photojournalism
April	Open	August	Open	November	Abstract	February	Open
May	Entrances						

## Competition Standings

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
<b>Beginners</b>			<b>Intermediate</b>		
Armstrong, Brenda	23	77	Edward, James	39	81
Warren, Lulu	20	73	Henkle, Charlie	26	85
Johnston, Leslie	12	63	Lin, Ron	24	75
Davenport, Janet	12	61	Zumbar, Bryan	7	76
Leshner, Aaron	18	50	Walsh, Jim	5	78
Hwang, Jack	20	37	Yang, Ming	10	72
Mangum, Joyce	9	40	Berry, Jim	2	75
Lin, Cathy	0	48	Kenter, Wayne	1	69
Griffin, Lori	0	47	Johnson, Valerie	7	59
Conard, Debbie	7	39	Stiles, Parvin	0	56
Ratzlaff, Randy	11	34	Roldan, Oscar	13	39
Carroll, Vincent	2	39	Scaggs, Ronnie	0	47
Blevins, Mary Jean	3	14	DeRouen, Robin	7	35
Chen, Kevin	3	13	Goode, Jay	3	34
Mack, Nancy	1	13	Haynes, James	0	29
Newman, Jerry	0	9	Maurer, Greg	0	19
Mays, Fred	0	8	Moulder, Retha	0	19
Duggu, Krishna	0	7	Sullivan, Joe	0	18
			Thweatt, Susan	0	13
			Henric, Brian	0	11
			Petermann, Steve	0	10
			Blackwell, Larry	0	10
<b>Advanced</b>			<b>Masters</b>		
Champlin, Don	52	97	Fritsche, Dennis	23	96
Wilson, Sam	16	82	Hasty, Sharlott	23	89
Barlow, Carol	10	75	Volkmer, Danette	15	91
Barlow, Bud	7	76	Petterborg, Larry	21	84
Hwang, Linfen	12	70	Downey, Marea	10	87
Spencer, Jim	0	71	Lehman, John	11	84
Shannon, Jim	10	59	Artiles, Jose	12	83
Schlesinger, Jerry	1	68	Grigsby, Linda	11	81
Chaney, Karen	8	55	McGuire, Russell	7	82
Lightstone, Irwin	16	45	Carrick, Jennifer	6	75
Prestemon, Brian	11	46	Hatfield, Lee	1	79
Mallar, Bud	1	56	Hasty, Ron	0	80
Morton, Ken	0	38	Hansen, Marie	3	73
Wilson, Aimee	0	20	Stover, James	0	70
			Lehman, Lois	1	65





**Photo By  
Marilia Clark**

## President's Message: *A Vintage Photography Book*

I have lately been browsing through "The Amateur Photographer's Handbook" by Aaron Sussman. It was first published in 1941. The copy I have was the 6th printing, from 1962. Since we are all thinking "Vintage" for the March contest, this book fits right in. A lot of material is quite out-of-date, of course. In one section, the author compares images from a cheap camera and an expensive camera. His "expensive" camera was selling for \$50! Assuming 4% inflation every year since 1941, that \$50 camera is a \$900 camera today. His "cheap" camera cost three dollars. And it's true that Kodak Brownie cameras in the 1940's were generally under five dollars.

On the other hand, many parts of the book are still applicable to digital photography. The rules of composition haven't changed, and the section on how to light people for portraits still works today. What I like best about this book is some of the quotes. I'll leave you with this one from the author's foreword: "People have often asked me how I happened to take up photography. The fact is, you don't 'take up' photography. It takes you up. One day you're walking around grim and growling, like Herman Melville just before an escape to sea. Then, suddenly, you have a loaded camera in your hand and all is well."

- Sam Wilson

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### About The Club

The club meets at 7 PM the third Thursday of each month (no meeting in December) at West Plano Presbyterian Church in Plano. Visitors are welcome! Officers meet at 7 PM on the second Monday of each month (except December) at a location to be announced. Open to all members.

The club is a member of: *Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) & Photographic Society of America (PSA)*

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